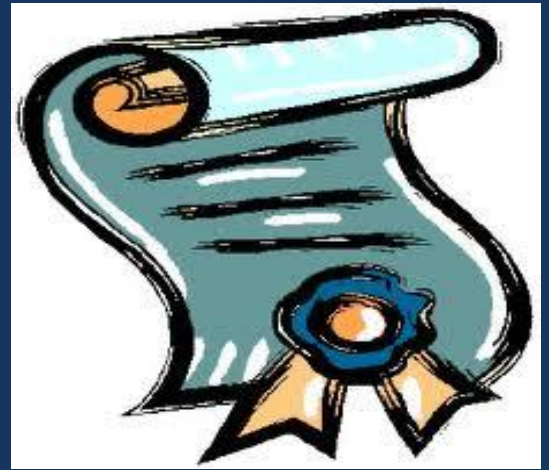


The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: May 2011



Transparency and open communication is a vital step to create informed and engaged citizenry. This newsletter is purely dedicated to legislation relating to Howard County and will be distributed after the County Council prefile deadline which is typically the last Thursday of the month. It will include legislation under consideration by the Howard County Council and the Howard County



State legislation while still in session. Included within each section you will find a brief description of each proposed bill as well as links to find more details. I hope you find this information helpful and take advantage of this

opportunity to become more engaged. If you'd like to offer testimony on any legislation for consideration by the Howard County Council, please send an email to Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov. The Howard County State Legislation is no longer in session. However, should you have any questions relating to the legislation included in this newsletter, please feel free to email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

Howard County Council INTRODUCTIONS

CR 98-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mitra Basu to the Commission for Women.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR98-2011.pdf>

CR 99-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Paul Beckham to the Pension Oversight Commission.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR99-2011.pdf>

CR 100-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ankur P. Dalal to the Board of Library Trustees.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR100-2011.pdf>

CR 101-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Gerald Engel to the Mental Health Authority.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR101-2011.pdf>

CR 102-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Michelle Glassburn to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR102-2011.pdf>

CR 103-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of

Richard C. Hackney to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR103-2011.pdf>.

CR 104-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Gregory Hamilton to the Mental Health Authority..

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR104-2011.pdf>

CR 105-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dona Marshall to the Consumer Affairs Advisory Board.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR105-2011.pdf>

CR 106-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Richard McCray, II to the Commission on Aging.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR106-2011.pdf>

CR 107-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jason Michaelson to the Consumer Affairs Advisory Board.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR107-2011.pdf>

CR108-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Carolyn Rimes to the Commission on Aging.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR108-2011.pdf>

CR109-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rebecca Weaver to the Mental Health Authority.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR109-2011.pdf>

GENERAL

CB30-2011 Introduced by: Courtney Watson. Co-sponsored by: Greg Fox

AN ACT establishing a tax credit against the Howard County real property tax for certain nonprofit swim clubs under certain conditions; establishing the duration of the credit; providing for an application procedure; and generally relating to property tax credits in Howard County.

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB30-2011.pdf>

C31-2011 (ZRA 134) Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of Marsha S. McLaughlin, Director, Planning and Zoning

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to provide that variances may remain valid as long as certain plans are being processed in accordance with certain provisions of the Howard County Code; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB31-2011.pdf>

CB32-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Maintenance Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Accela, Inc. for a maintenance agreement for certain software systems used by the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement.

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB32-2011.pdf>

CB33-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Public Safety Dispatchers Association that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; and providing for the application of this Act.

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB33-2011.pdf>

CB34-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code and Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officer’s Association, Lodge 21 that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officer’s Association, Lodge 21 that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2013 and that includes payment of certain compensation in Fiscal Year 2013; and providing for the application of this Act.

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB34-2011.pdf>

CB35-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code and Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the FOP Lodge 143, Howard County Police Supervisor’s Alliance that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the FOP Lodge 143, Howard County Police Supervisor’s Alliance that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2013 and that includes payment of certain compensation in Fiscal Year 2013; and providing for the application of this Act.

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB35-2011.pdf>

CB36-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3888, Council 67, AFL-CIO that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; and providing for the application of this Act.

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB36-2011.pdf>

FINAL CONSIDERATION

APPOINTMENTS

CR 47-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Deborah Adler to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR47-2011.pdf>

CR 48-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Knowlton R. Atterbeary to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR48-2011.pdf>

CR 49-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Reginald T. Avery to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR49-2011.pdf>

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CR 50-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of John Beck to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR50-2011.pdf>

CR 51-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jonathan K. Branch to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR51-2011.pdf>

CR52-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of John A. Clark to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR52-2011.pdf>

CR53-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Antonio S. daRosa to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR53-2011.pdf>

CR54-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jill Marie Godzilevsky to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR54-2011.pdf>

CR55-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Edward R. Herbert, III to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR55-2011.pdf>

CR56-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jerome Jones to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR56-2011.pdf>

CR57-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Margaret Kim to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR57-2011.pdf>

CR58-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Howard T. Mooney, Jr. to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR58-2011.pdf>

CR59-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Alissa G. Putman, Ph. D. to the Board of Social Services.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR59-2011.pdf>

CR60-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of John D. Rhoad, Jr. to the Public Works Board.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR60-2011.pdf>

CR61-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Olayta L. Rigsby to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR61-2011.pdf>

CR62-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Joseph W. Rutter, Jr. to the Soil Conservation District.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR62-2011.pdf>

CR63-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Robert Seipel to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR63-2011.pdf>

CR64-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Stacey Shade-Ware to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR64-2011.pdf>

CR65-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Todd Snyder to the Pension Oversight Commission.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR65-2011.pdf>

CR66-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of William G. Volenick to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR66-2011.pdf>

CR67-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Robert L. Wallace to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR67-2011.pdf>

CR68-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kari Appler to the Board of Health.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR68-2011.pdf>

CR69-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Naureen Elahi to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR69-2011.pdf>

CR70-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Michael S. Marcus to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR70-2011.pdf>

CR71-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Dana Hubbard Roscoe to the Animal Matters Hearing Board.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR71-2011.pdf>

CR72-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sharon Sapp, R.N. to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR72-2011.pdf>

CR73-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Michael C. Smith to the Board of Social Services.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR73-2011.pdf>

CR74-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving a list of Howard County residents to be sent to the Governor, in accordance with State law, so that the Governor may choose one of the residents from the list to fill a vacancy on the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR74-2011.pdf>

FINANCIAL

CR75-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving certain transfers between major categories of the Howard County Board of Education Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2011; transferring \$4,423,100 to the Instruction-Texts category; transferring \$163,000 to the Instruction-Other category; transferring \$759,000 to the Transportation category; transferring \$294,500 to the Maintenance of Plant category; and transferring \$463,900 to the Fixed Charges category.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR75-2011.pdf>

CR76-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION amending the Fiscal Year 2011 operating budget for the Howard Community College in order to transfer \$800,000 within unrestricted fund expenditures and \$4,000,000 within restricted fund expenditures.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR76-2011.pdf>

GENERAL

CB16-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the Howard County Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan to correct reference to the Police Officers' Association and the Human Resources Administrator's membership on the Retirement Plan Committee; to amend certain maximum limitations under Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code as permitted by changes to Treasury Regulations; and generally relating to the Howard County Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan.

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB16-2011.pdf>. To view the Administration

Explanation, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/T-CB16-2011.pdf>

CB17-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Power Purchase Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Energy Answers Baltimore Holding, L.L.C., Energy Answers Baltimore, L.L.C., and Energy Answers International, Inc. for the purchase of electric power; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement.

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB17-2011.pdf>. To view the Administration explanation, visit <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/T-CB17-2011.pdf>

CB18-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a First Amendment to Agreement of Lease between Howard County, Maryland and Liberty Property Limited Partnership for the lease of space located at 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, Maryland; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement.

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB18-2011.pdf>. To view the Administration explanation, visit <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/T-CB18-2011.pdf>.

CB19-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Second Amendment to Agreement of Lease between Howard County, Maryland and Liberty Property Limited Partnership for the lease of space located at 7178-7180 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, Maryland; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement.

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB19-2011.pdf>. To view the Administration Explanation, visit <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/T-CB19-2011.pdf>

CR77-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to grant a permanent easement to the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company on approximately .00758 acres of property owned by the County located at the Savage Fire Station; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to grant the easement if he finds that the land may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR77-2011.pdf>. To view the Administration explanation, visit <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/T-CR77-2011.pdf>

CR78-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to grant a permanent easement to the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company on approximately .0008 acres of property owned by the County located at the North Laurel Park; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to grant the easement if he finds that the land may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR78-2011.pdf>. To view the Administration explanation, visit <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/T-CR78-2011.pdf>

CR79-2011 Introduced by: Courtney Watson. Co-sponsored by Calvin Ball and Jennifer Terrasa

A RESOLUTION requiring the Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board to review the potential environmental impacts of the CSX Intermodal facility being proposed at two sites in Howard County and to make a certain report by a certain date and requesting the County Executive to provide appropriate county resources to support this effort

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR79-2011.pdf>

BUDGET

CB20-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the County's hotel Room Rental Tax rate; and generally relating to the Room Rental Tax.

Final Action: Passed 5/25/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB20-2011.pdf>

ENRCB21-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT increasing the total amount of tax credits for Qualifying Energy Conservation Devices that may be granted during a fiscal year; allowing the credit to be granted for certain applications filed on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of the tax credit for Qualifying Energy Conservation Devices; and generally relating to the tax credit for Qualifying Energy Conservation Devices.

Final Action: Passed as amended 5/25/11

Votes: Yea – Councilmembers Ball, Terrasa, Sigaty and Watson; Recused – Councilmember Fox

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/ENRCB21-2011.pdf>. Amendment 1
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A1CB21-2011.pdf>. To view the Administration Explanation, visit
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/T-CB21-2011.pdf>

CB22-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the basis for the in-aid-of-construction charge to allow the charge to be based on the maximum flow rate for continuous operation as determined by a meter provided by the Department of Public Works, allowing certain reviews, providing for certain additional fees based on additional usage, allowing the possible suspension of certain service for failure to pay the in-aid-of-construction fee; and generally relating to the in-aid-of-construction fee.

Final Action: Passed 5/25/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB22-2011.pdf>. To view the Administration Explanation, visit
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/T-CB22-2011.pdf>

ENRCB23-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; establishing pay rates for certain employees; clarifying and adding certain specialty pays; clarifying certain overtime provisions; adding and amending certain classification titles and pay grades; making certain technical corrections; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.

Final Action: Passed as amended 5/25/11

Votes: Yea – Councilmembers Ball, Terrasa, Sigaty and Watson; Nay – Councilmember Fox

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/ENRCB23-2011.pdf>. Amendment 1
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A1CB23-2011.pdf> Amendment 2
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A2CB23-2011.pdf> Amendment 3
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A3CB23-2011.pdf>

ENRCB24-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the Classification Plan for Howard County; adding and amending certain class descriptions; amending certain class titles; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to amendments to the Howard County Classification Plan.

Final Action: Passed as amended 5/25/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/ENRCB24-2011.pdf>. Amendment 1 to Amendment 1
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A1A1CB24-2011.pdf> Amendment 1
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A1CB24-2011.pdf>

CB25-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the title of certain positions appointed by the Director of Technology and Communication Services; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to human resources provisions in the Howard County Code.

Final Action: Passed 5/25/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB25-2011.pdf>

ENRCB26-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT adopting the current expense budget and the capital budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, to be known as the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2012.

Final Action: Passed as amended 5/25/11

Votes: Yea – Councilmembers Ball, Terrasa, Sigaty and Watson; Nay – Councilmember Fox

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/ENRCB26-2011.pdf>. Amendment 1 to Amendment 1

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A1A1CB26-2011.pdf> Amendment 1

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A1CB26-2011.pdf> Amendment 2

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A2CB26-2011.pdf> Amendment 3

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A3CB26-2011.pdf> Amendment 4

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A4CB26-2011.pdf> Amendment 5

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A5CB26-2011.pdf> Amendment 6

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A6CB26-2011.pdf> Amendment 7

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A7CB26-2011.pdf> Amendment 8

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A8CB26-2011.pdf> Amendment 11

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A11CB26-2011.pdf> Amendment

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A14CB26-2011.pdf>

***ENRCB27-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$125,334,091 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefore, to be used to pay costs of certain County capital projects (including bridge projects, general county projects, storm drainage projects, school system projects, fire and rescue projects, road construction projects, road resurfacing projects, roadside and sidewalk projects, library projects, community college projects, parks and recreation projects, intersection improvements projects and community renewal projects), which are specified and described in the County's 2012 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain capital projects previously authorized in other calendar years, which such authorization has lapsed or will lapse), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

Final Action: Passed as amended 5/25/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/ENRCB27-2011.pdf>. Amendment 1

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A1CB27-2011.pdf>

CB28-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$27,110,869 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefore, to be used to pay costs of certain County water and sewer capital projects which are specified and described in the County's 2012 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain water and sewer capital projects previously authorized in prior calendar years which such authorization has lapsed or will lapse), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable

property within the County sufficient, together with benefit assessments, ad valorem taxes levied upon the assessable property in the Metropolitan District and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

Final Action: Passed 5/25/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB28-2011.pdf>

CB29-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in a principal amount of up to \$26,715,319 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefore, to be used to pay costs of certain County road construction projects and other capital projects specified and described in the County's 2012 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain of such capital projects previously authorized), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with building excise taxes and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

Final Action: Passed 5/25/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB29-2011.pdf>

ENRCR80-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving the fee system of the Howard Soil Conservation District and providing that the fee system applies to each plan that is required to be reviewed by the Howard Soil Conservation District from and after July 1, 2011.

Final Action: Passed as amended 5/25/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/ENRCR80-2011.pdf>

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<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A1CR80-2011.pdf>

ENRCR81-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving the Capital Program for Howard County for Fiscal Years 2013 through 2017 and the Extended Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2021.

Final Action: Passed as amended 5/25/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/ENRCR81-2011.pdf>. Amendment 1

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A1CR81-2011.pdf>

CR82-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2012 operating budget for the Howard Community College and indicating appropriations for major functional categories.

Final Action: Passed 5/25/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR82-2011.pdf>

CR83-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2012 budget for the Department of Libraries and indicating appropriations for object classes.

Final Action: Passed 5/25/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR83-2011.pdf>

ENRCR84-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION setting forth the Fiscal Year 2012 Operating Budget for the Howard County Board of Education.

Final Action: Passed as amended 5/25/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/ENRCR84-2011.pdf>. Amendment 1
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A1CR84-2011.pdf>

CR85-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving schedules for charges pertaining to the Metropolitan District, to water and sewer service, and to shared sewage disposal facilities.
Final Action: Passed as amended 5/25/11
Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/ENRCR85-2011.pdf>. Amendment 1
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A1CR85-2011.pdf>

CR86-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees for the functions regulated by the Department of Public Works.
Final Action: Passed 5/25/11
Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR86-2011.pdf>

CR87-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees, fines and charges for functions regulated by the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits.
Final Action: Passed 5/25/11
Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR87-2011.pdf>

CR88-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees and charges for functions regulated or administered by the Department of Planning and Zoning.
Final Action: Passed 5/25/11
Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR88-2011.pdf>

CR89-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION adopting fees for certain functions performed by the Department of Fire and Rescue Services including fees for conducting certain inspections and providing technical assistance such as plan review.
Final Action: Passed 5/25/11
Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR89-2011.pdf>

CR90-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION adopting a schedule of fees for functions regulated by the Department of Finance, including a schedule of fees for parking meter rates.
Final Action: Passed 5/25/11
Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR90-2011.pdf>

ENRCR91-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees and rates for functions regulated and administered by the Department of Police.
Final Action: Passed as amended 5/25/11
Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/ENRCR91-2011.pdf>. Amendment 1
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A1CR91-2011.pdf>

CR92-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving fee and rate schedules for:
(1) Applying for approval of an industrial development revenue bond or MIDFA bond or loan;
(2) Solicitor and Peddler Identification Card;
(3) Weekend Prisoners - Room and board;
(4) Prisoner - Health care provider fee;
(5) Participation in work release program;
(6) Participation in home detention program;

(7) Marriage license fee charge for funding of domestic violence programs;
(8) Annual registration of trespass towing companies and maximum rates to be charged by trespass towing services;
(9) Fee and specifications for transcripts of administrative proceedings; and
(10) Reproduction of public records
Final Action: Passed 5/25/11
Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR92-2011.pdf>

CR93-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION levying a tax on certain admissions and amusements, establishing classes of admissions and amusements, setting tax rates on different classes, and providing for certain exemptions from the tax.
Final Action: Passed 5/25/11
Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR93-2011.pdf>

CR94-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION establishing a recordation tax rate on instruments of writing that are recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.
Final Action: Passed 5/25/11
Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR94-2011.pdf>

CR95-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION adopting the schedule of rates for the Building Excise Tax.
Final Action: Passed as amended 5/25/2011
Votes: Yea – Councilmembers Ball, Terrasa, Sigaty and Watson; Nays – Councilmember Fox

To view the resolution, visit
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR95-2011.pdf>

CR96-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION levying Fire and Rescue tax rates beginning July 1, 2011
Final Action: Passed 5/25/11
Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR96-2011.pdf>

CR97-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION levying a property tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012; setting the tax rates for property; and providing for the collection of the property tax.
Final Action: Passed 5/25/11
Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR97-2011.pdf>

TABLED

CB7-2011 (ZRA 121) Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of 10071 WBO LLC c/o Patriot Realty
AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to permit increased residential density on certain CAC (Corridor Activity Center) zoned parcels and to allow the Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning to further reduce the minimum commercial space requirement under certain conditions; and generally relating to the CAC (Corridor Activity Center) zoning district.
Final Action: Tabled 5/2/2011
Votes: Unanimous

To view this online, visit
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB7-2011.pdf>. Administration Explanation
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/T-CB7-2011.pdf>

CR22-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
RESOLUTION approving a public interest use for a monopole cell tower and accessory ground equipment on land owned by Trent Kittleman; finding that the proposed use is in the public interest; approving an amendment to

certain deeds of easement to release the land used for the monopole cell tower and accessory ground equipment for a public purpose; and providing that the release is contingent on a certain payment to the County.

Final Action: Tabled 4/4/2011

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR22-2011.pdf>. Administration Explanation
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/T-CR22-2011.pdf>

CR33-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Timothy G. Wolf to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

Final Action: Tabled 5/2/2011

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR33-2011.pdf>

CR38-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Swathi Narayan to the Human Rights Commission.

Final Action: Tabled 5/2/2011

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR38-2011.pdf>

THE PROCESS

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Monday, June 6, 2011 Legislative Session at 7:30pm
- Monday, June 13, 2011 Monthly Meeting at 12:30pm in the C. Vernon Gray Room
- Wednesday, June 15, 2011 Quarterly Meeting with Board of Education at 8L15am in the C. Vernon Gray Room
- Monday, June 20, 2011 Legislative Public Hearing at 7:30pm
- Monday, June 27, 2011 Legislative Work Session at 4:30pm

* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, visit http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_Legislative_CouncilCalendar.htm

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Howard County State Legislation

On Monday, April 11, 2011, the 2011 Session of the Maryland General Assembly concluded. For your convenience, below is a list of some of the bills that were

passed that may have a direct or indirect impact on you as a Howard County resident.

HB245 (HO.CO. 5-11) Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine and Liquor Tasting License Submitted by Delegate Warren Miller

FOR the purpose of creating in Howard County a beer, wine and liquor tasting (BWLTL) license; specifying to whom the license may be issued; setting maximum limits on the amounts of alcoholic beverages that may be served under a BWLTL license; setting the annual license fee; authorizing the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to adopt rules or regulations to implement this Act; increasing the maximum alcohol content of wine that may be served under a beer and wine tasting license to conform with a certain definition of light wine; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

Action: PASSED and signed into law by Governor O'Malley. To view the bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb0245.htm>.

HB700 (HO.CO. 6-11) Howard County – Hotel Rental Tax Rate. Submitted by Senator James Robey and Delegate Elizabeth Bobo at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum sales or use tax rate that Howard County is authorized to impose on certain room rentals in the county; and generally relating to the Howard County sales or use tax on room rentals for sleeping accommodations for transients.

Action: PASSED and signed into law by Governor O'Malley. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011. To view the bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb0700.htm>.

HB1315 (HO.CO. 9-11) Orphans Court Sessions – Time and Place

Requiring the Orphans' Court in Howard County to determine when to hold its sessions for transaction of business

Action: PASSED unanimously and signed into law by Governor O'Malley. To view the bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb1315.htm>

SELECT GENERAL STATE LEGISLATION

SB 410/HB 289 State Highway Administration - Unauthorized Signs on Highway Rights-of-Way. Sponsored by: Senator Raskin/Delegates Pena-Melnyk, Barnes, and Frush

Providing for original jurisdiction of the District Court for specified actions; prohibiting a person without authorization from the State Highway Administration from placing a sign within the right-of-way of a State highway; clarifying that such signs may be removed by the Administration or other designated agencies; authorizing the Administration or a specified county or municipal corporation government to collect civil penalties and to seek an injunction against specified violations; repealing a reporting requirement; etc.

Action: PASSED and signed by Governor O'Malley. To view the bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/sb0410.htm>

SB120/HB456 Extension of Minority Business Program. Sponsored by: Senators Conway, Benson, Ferguson, Forehand, Gladden, Jones-Rodwell, Kelley, King, Klausmeier, Pugh, and Ramirez/Delegates Morhaim, Busch, Branch, Hammen, Barve, McIntosh, Barkley, Barnes, Beidle, Bobo, Bohanan, Boteler, Burns, Cane, Cardin, Carr, Carter, Clagett, Conaway, Cullison, Davis, Feldman, Glenn, Griffith, Gutierrez, Guzzone, Haynes, Hixson, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard, Ivey, Jones, Kaiser, A. Kelly, Lee, Love, Luedtke, A. Miller, Mitchell, Murphy, Nathan-Pulliam, Niemann, Oaks, Pena-Melnyk, Proctor, Reznik, B. Robinson, S. Robinson, Rosenberg, Sophocleus, Stein, Stukes, Summers, Tarrant, F. Turner, V. Turner, Valderrama, Valentino-Smith, Vaughn, Walker, Washington, Pendergrass, and Donoghue

Repealing the requirement that procurement procedures seek to award 7 percent and 10 percent of a unit's total dollar value of contracts to African-American-owned and women-owned businesses respectively; clarifying that it is a goal that 25 percent of a unit's total dollar value of procurement contracts be made to certified minority business enterprises; requiring the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs, in consultation with specified others, to establish guidelines, including possible subgoals; etc.

Action: PASSED and signed by Governor O'Malley. To view the bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/sb0120.htm>

HB57/SB539 Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Authorized Uses. Sponsored by: Senators Colburn, Simonaire, and Reilly/ Delegates Costa and Vitale

Authorizing specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to be used to pay the cost of connecting properties served by onsite sewage disposal systems to specified existing municipal wastewater facilities under specified circumstances; and establishing conditions for the funding of specified costs.

Action: PASSED unanimously and signed into law by Governor O'Malley. To view this bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb0057.htm>

SB358/HB1088 Audit Responsibilities - State Department of Education, Maryland Higher Education Commission, and State Retirement Agency. Sponsored by: Senator Jones-Rodwell/ Delegate Griffith

Requiring the county boards of education to conduct specified audits at the request of the State Department of Education; requiring local school systems to reimburse the State for specified employer contributions for employees participating in the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System; providing that the State Department of Education may authorize county boards of education and public libraries to conduct specified audits; etc.

Action: PASSED unanimously and signed into law by Governor O'Malley. To view this bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb1088.htm>

HB869 Education - Maintenance of Effort – Penalty Sponsored by: Delegates Hixson, Arora, Barkley, Barve, Feldman, Frick, Gilchrist, Kaiser, Luedtke, A. Miller, Reznik, and F. Turner

Making the imposition of a penalty for a county's noncompliance with specified maintenance of effort provisions for funding public education applicable in a specified fiscal year.

Action: PASSED and signed into law by Governor O'Malley. To view this bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb0869.htm>

HB858 Education - Public Schools and Youth Sports Programs – Concussions. Sponsored by: Delegates Hixson, Davis, Waldstreicher, Barkley, Cardin, Cullison, Feldman, Frush, Gaines, Gilchrist, Holmes, Jameson, A. Kelly, Kramer, A. Miller, Mizeur, Morhaim, Niemann, Reznik, S. Robinson, Rosenberg, Summers, V. Turner, Walker, and Howard

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with specified entities, to develop policies and to implement a program to provide awareness to coaches, school personnel, students, and parents or guardians of students on the risk of concussions and head injuries; requiring a county board of education to provide a specified information sheet and a notice to a student and parent or guardian; requiring a student and parent or guardian to sign a specified statement; etc.

Action: PASSED and signed into law by Governor O'Malley. To view this bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/HB0858.htm>

SB609/HB530 Public Charter Schools - School Sites and Buildings - Availability for Occupation and Use. Sponsored By: Senators Ferguson, Benson, Colburn, Conway, Currie, Kelley, King, McFadden, Montgomery, Pugh, and Young/ Delegates Rosenberg, Ivey, Kaiser, and Luedtke

Requiring specified county boards of education to inform the county commissioners or the county council if specified land, schools sites, or buildings have been determined by the county board to be no longer needed for school purposes under specified circumstances; requiring a county board to inform public charter schools in the county if school sites or buildings have been determined by the county board to be no longer needed for school purposes under specified circumstances; etc.

Action: PASSED and signed into law by Governor O'Malley. To view this bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb0530.htm>

SB615/HB448 Education - Residential Boarding Education Programs for At-Risk Youth – Funding. Sponsored by: Senators Jones-Rodwell and McFadden/Delegates Ivey, Afzali, Anderson, Barnes, Barve, Conaway, Davis, Frick, Frush, Gilchrist, Glenn, Griffith, Guzzone, Hammen, Hucker, Kaiser, Luedtke, McHale, A. Miller, Mitchell, Murphy, Oaks, Proctor, B. Robinson, Stocksdales, Stukes, Summers, Tarrant, F. Turner, Valderrama, Vaughn, Walker, Washington, and Wilson

Requiring the Governor to appropriate specified funds to the State Department of Education to cover the transportation, boarding, and administrative costs of residential boarding education programs for at-risk youth; limiting the total amount of funds to an amount adequate to fund 400 students per fiscal year; and defining terms.

Action: PASSED and signed into law by Governor O'Malley. To view this bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb0448.htm>

SB771 Education - Public Schools and Youth Sports Programs – Concussions. Sponsored by: Senators Conway, Colburn, Currie, Ferguson, Forehand, Frosh, Kelley, Klausmeier, Madaleno, Manno, Mathias, McFadden, Middleton, Montgomery, Pinsky, Pugh, Ramirez, Raskin, Young, Zirkin, Benson, and Dyson

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with specified entities, to develop policies and implement a program to provide awareness to coaches, school personnel, students, and parents or guardians of students on the risk of concussions and head injuries; requiring county boards of education to provide specified information to students, parents, and guardians; requiring the removal from play of specified students or youth athletes under specified circumstances; etc.

Action: PASSED and signed into law by Governor O'Malley. To view this bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/SB0771.htm>

SB839/HB940 Counties - Kennel Licenses - Requirements for Breeders. Sponsored by: Senator Gladden/ Delegates Hucker, Barkley, Barve, Feldman, Frick, Frush, Gilchrist, Impallaria, Jameson, Kach, A. Kelly, K. Kelly, McComas, A. Miller, Olszewski, Reznik, S. Robinson, and Waldstreicher

Requiring a person to obtain a kennel license if the person owns or has custody of 15 or more unsprayed female dogs over the age of 6 months kept for the purpose of breeding the dogs and selling their offspring and sells dogs from six or more litters in a year; requiring each county to collect and maintain specified information for each kennel license issued; requiring each county to report specified information to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation on or before January 15 each year; etc.

Action: PASSED and signed into law by Governor O'Malley. To view this bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb0940.htm>

HB499 Admissions and Amusement Tax - Exemption - Hot Air Balloons. Sponsored by: Delegates Szeliga and A. Miller

Providing that the admissions and amusement tax may not be imposed by a county or municipal

corporation on gross receipts derived from any charge for admission to or use of a nontethered hot air balloon.

Action: PASSED unanimously and signed into law by Governor O'Malley. To view this bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/HB0499.htm>

HB214 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Critical Farms Fund and Program. Sponsored by: Chair, Environmental Matters Committee

Authorizing the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to acquire specified interests in property for specified purposes and to dispose of property under specified circumstances in accordance with the Critical Farms Program; requiring the development of a specified method and procedure for a specified purpose; establishing a Critical Farms Fund; requiring the Foundation to submit a specified report; and exempting specified dispositions of real property from approval by the Board of Public Works.

Action: PASSED unanimously and signed into law by Governor O'Malley. To view this bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/HB0214.htm>

HB355 Natural Resources - Hunting - Junior Deer Hunt. Sponsored by: Delegates Schulz, Afzali, Aumann, Boteler, Clagett, Cluster, Frank, Hershey, Hogan, Hough, McDermott, Minnick, Myers, Ready, Serafini, Smigiel, and Weir

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish by regulation and by July 1 each year a junior deer hunt to occur on specified days during a deer hunting season; prohibiting the regulations from authorizing the junior deer hunt to occur on specified Sundays in specified counties; authorizing specified persons who are 16 years of age and younger to participate in the junior deer hunt under specified circumstances; etc.

Action: PASSED and signed into law by Governor O'Malley. To view this bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/HB0355.htm>

Thank you for your willingness to remain engaged.

All the best

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